

1 – 20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently amended) A collar, comprising:
a body;
arms extending from the body, each arm comprising internal threading,
wherein each arm has an end distal from the body, and wherein the end of each arm
comprises an outer flange configured to couple to a detachable member; and
a slot between the arms, wherein the slot is configured to receive an elongated
member; and
wherein at least one of the flanges comprises an indentation, and wherein the
indentation allow a channel in a detachable member to be aligned with the slot in the
collar.

22. (Original) The collar of claim 21, wherein the detachable member comprises a
sleeve.

23. (Original) The collar of claim 21, wherein the internal threading comprises a
female modified thread, and wherein the female modified thread comprises a female
proximal surface and a female distal surface, and further comprising a closure member
comprising a male modified thread, wherein the male modified thread comprises a
male proximal surface and a male distal surface, and wherein the male proximal
surface of the closure member is configured to couple with the female distal surface of
the collar, and wherein the female proximal surface and the male distal surface each
comprise at least one raised portion, and wherein one or more surfaces of such raised
portions are configured to couple during use to inhibit radial expansion of the collar.

24. (Original) The collar of claim 21, wherein the internal threading comprises a
female modified thread, wherein the female modified thread comprises a female distal
surface, and further comprising a closure member comprising a male modified thread,

wherein the male modified thread comprises a male proximal surface, wherein the male proximal surface is configured to slope at a forward angel, wherein the male proximal surface is configured to couple with the female distal surface during use, and wherein the male proximal surface and the female distal surface each comprises a raised portion, wherein the raised portions are configured to contact each other during use to inhibit separation of the arms.

25. (Original) The collar of claim 21, wherein the flanges are located such that the detachable member can couple to the collar above the elongated member.

26. (Original) The collar of claim 21, wherein an effective diameter of the body exceeds an effective diameter of the arms.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Original) The collar of claim 21, wherein at least one of the flanges comprise an indentation, and wherein the indentation is configured to allow the detachable member to be secured in position relative to the collar.

29. (Canceled)

30. (Original) The collar of claim 21, wherein the internal threading in the arms is configured to engage external threading of a closure member, and wherein the closure member is configured to secure the elongated member to the collar.

31. (Original) The collar of claim 21, wherein the collar comprises one or more threaded openings proximate at least one of the flanges, wherein one or more of the threaded openings is configured to engage movable members coupled to the detachable member.

32. – 33. (Canceled)

34. (Original) The collar of claim 21, wherein the flanges are located such that the detachable member can couple to the collar above the elongated member.

35. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

a collar, comprising:

a body configured to couple to a bone fastener such that the body, once coupled, can at least partially rotate relative to the bone fastener;

arms extending from the body, each arm comprising internal threading; and

a slot between the arms, wherein the slot is configured to receive an elongated member;

a sleeve; ~~and~~

wherein the collar is configured to couple to the sleeve above the elongated member; and

wherein each arm of the collar comprises a flange, wherein the sleeve comprises one or more channels, and wherein the flanges are configured to couple to the sleeve such that the sleeve can be coupled such that at least one of the channels is substantially aligned with the slot of the collar.

36. (Original) The system of claim 35, wherein the body of the collar, once coupled to the bone fastener, can at least partially angulate relative to the bone fastener.

37. (Original) The system of claim 35, wherein the internal threading of the collar is configured to couple to a closure member.

38. – 122. (Cancelled)